

REMARKS

Applicants request that the Specification be amended to reflect the claim of priority to the underlying provisional application, pursuant to MPEP §201.11 III(d). The filing receipt and published application correctly reflect the claim of priority to the provisional application.

No new matter has been added to the application by this Amendment nor will any search be required. Applicants therefore respectfully request entry of the amendment, despite the fact that the application has been allowed, because the requested amendment embodies merely the correction of formal matters in the Specification without changing the scope of the application.

Because the priority claim was properly made in the PCT application of which the present application is the US national phase and the priority claim was recognized by the Office (as evidenced in the filing receipt and publication of the present application), the Applicants believe no petition under Rule 1.78 is required. If the applicants understanding is incorrect in this regard, please consider this paper a petition under 1.78(a)(3) and (i) enter the amendment to the specification presented hereinabove and (ii) charge deposit account no 13-2490 the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t). The entire delay between the date the claim of priority was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) Rule 1.78 and the date this priority claim is being filed was unintentional.

Conclusion

Applicants therefore respectfully request the entrance of the instant amendment to the Specification. If Examiner believes that further dialog would expedite consideration of the application, Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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